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Villa Saparua is a two-story, 640-square-meter (6,889-square-foot), detached home located on a hilltop in Bali's Tabanan area. It is 10 minutes from Tanah Lot, an ancient Balinese temple. There are two five-star resorts nearby, one of which features an 18-hole golf course designed by Greg Norman.

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The owners, Gert and Imelda Van der Worp, are property developers who divide their time between Europe and Indonesia. They designed and built the villa three years ago.

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Dutch design is combined with Indonesian motifs here – the roof exterior is made from ironwood shingles, a traditional timber used in Indonesia.

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The villa boasts vistas of not only the beach (which is 80 meters away) but also rice paddies and mountains. 'On a clear day, even the volcanoes in Java can be seen,' said Mr. Van der Worp.

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Rooms include three bedrooms, four bathrooms, a cocktail and bar area, a living room and a study. Each bathroom is fitted with a freestanding Victorian clawfoot bathtub.

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The master bedroom opens up onto the upper-level veranda. "Most of the time the doors are open at night, and you can feel the wind and hear the waves crashing on the beach," Mr. Van der Worp said. The upstairs veranda has a large overhang from the roof to catch rain.

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Mr. and Mrs. Van der Worp spent two years acquiring antique furnishings from across the country. The home now has stained-glass doors, ceramic light switches and door handles, recycled ironwood floors, chandeliers and louvered shutters.

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There are 18 antique ceiling fans that date back to the late 19th and early 20th century. "Someone who visited the house said that it looks like it has been there for more than a century – exactly what we wanted to achieve," Mr. Van der Worp said.


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The seven-meter outdoor pool is designed with handmade tiles. A traditional wall relief sits at the end of the pool. It is inspired by a sculptural panel at Borobudur, a ninth-century Buddhist temple in central Java.

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The open kitchen comes with a low breakfast bar and connects to the dining room. 'If we have friends over, we can cook, drink and eat in the same space,' said Mr. Van der Worp.

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Located in a separate building, the gym faces a tropical garden. It includes a treadmill, cross trainer, exercise bike, multifunctional trainer and free weights.

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Spending an increasing amount of time in Europe, the property owners put the house on the market about three months ago. It is listed with Claire Brown Realty's Luxed Up division for \$2 million.

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